

REMARKS

The comments of the Examiner as set forth in the office action of February 13, 2004 and the Advisory Action of May 18, 2004 have been carefully studied and reviewed. In this response, claims 11-14 have been canceled and claims 16-31 have been canceled. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-10 and 32-42 are allowed. Claims 1-10 and 32-42 remain in the case.

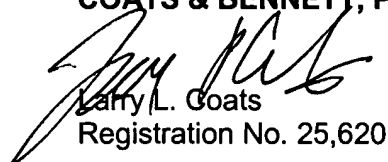
It is the intent of the Applicant to place the present application in condition for allowance. If for any reason this response does not place the application in condition for allowance the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned and an expeditious effort will be made to place the case in condition for allowance.

The time and attention of the Examiner is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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